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DRDO Laboratories
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of places in the country in which the DRDO laboratories are located;

(b) whether DRDO is facing criticism for its poor quality of research and development; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken / being taken to improve the standards?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI MANOHAR PARRIKAR)

(a) Laboratories/establishments functioning under Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) alongwith their locations are given at Annexure 'A'.

(b) No, Madam. However, there are some instances of delay in completion of research & development, due to some of the following reasons:-
(i) Complexity of the technologies/products for which R&D is being conducted.
(ii) Evaluation of the technologies/products under severe environmental condition eg, extreme summer testing can be performed in limited time period of the year; any corrections/retesting takes one year of cycle.
(iii) Non availability of some critical & denied components & materials required for R&D.

(c) To overcome delay in R&D, some of the steps taken by DRDO are:
(i) Procedures for technology complexity assessment.
(ii) Collaboration with academia & industries.
(iii) Creation of testing facilities including dedicated test ranges and platforms.

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